

# Senate Study Bill 3189 - Introduced

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DVORSKY)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the funding of the statewide interoperable  
2 communications system and the expenditure of moneys from the  
3 E911 emergency communications fund.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.23, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **29C.23 ~~Iowa radio interoperability platform~~ Statewide**  
4 **interoperable communications system.**

5 1. The ~~Iowa radio interoperability platform~~ statewide  
6 interoperable communications system shall be under the  
7 joint purview of the department of public safety and the  
8 department of transportation. The departments shall jointly  
9 submit a biannual report to the ~~Iowa~~ statewide interoperable  
10 communications system board beginning July 1, 2016.

11 2. The treasurer of state is authorized to enter into  
12 a financing agreement in accordance with the provisions  
13 of section 12.28 for the purpose of building the statewide  
14 interoperable communications system.

15 Sec. 2. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended  
16 by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Of.* The program manager shall allocate  
18 four million three hundred eighty-three thousand dollars to  
19 the department of public safety in the fiscal year beginning  
20 July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, for payments and other  
21 costs due under a financing agreement entered into by the  
22 treasurer of state for building the statewide interoperable  
23 communications system pursuant to section 29C.23, subsection 2.

24 Sec. 3. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code  
25 2016, is amended to read as follows:

26 *f.* If moneys remain in the fund after fully paying all  
27 obligations under paragraphs "*a*", "*b*", "*c*", "*d*", and "*e*",  
28 and "*Of*", the remainder may be accumulated in the fund as  
29 a carryover operating surplus. The program manager, in  
30 consultation with the E911 communications council, shall  
31 allocate an amount, not to exceed one hundred thousand  
32 dollars per fiscal year, for development of public awareness  
33 and educational programs related to the use of 911 by the  
34 public, educational programs for personnel responsible for the  
35 maintenance, operation, and upgrading of local E911 systems,

1 and the expenses of members of the E911 communications council  
2 for travel, monthly meetings, and training. The remaining  
3 surplus shall be used to fund future network and public safety  
4 answering point improvements for the receipt and disposition  
5 of 911 calls, including hardware and software for an internet  
6 protocol-enabled next generation network, and wireless  
7 carriers' transport costs related to wireless E911 services, if  
8 those costs are not otherwise recovered by wireless carriers  
9 through customer billing or other sources and approved by the  
10 program manager in consultation with the E911 communications  
11 council. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), any moneys remaining  
12 in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to  
13 the general fund of the state but shall remain available for  
14 the purposes of the fund.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to the funding of the statewide  
19 interoperable communications system and the expenditure of  
20 moneys from the E911 emergency communications fund.

21 The bill authorizes the treasurer of state to enter into  
22 a financing agreement pursuant to Code section 12.28 for the  
23 purpose of building the statewide interoperable communications  
24 system.

25 The bill provides funding for such statewide interoperable  
26 communications system from moneys in the E911 emergency  
27 communications fund. Under current Code section 34A.7A, a  
28 monthly surcharge is imposed on all communications service  
29 providers in Iowa. Moneys collected pursuant to the surcharge  
30 are deposited in the E911 emergency communications fund and are  
31 expended by the E911 program manager in a priority order as  
32 listed in Code section 34A.7A(2).

33 The bill requires the program manager, in the fiscal year  
34 starting July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, to allocate  
35 \$4,383,000 of the surcharge moneys to the department of

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1 public safety for payments due under a financing agreement for  
2 building the statewide interoperable communications system.